



# McPherson County News

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## 15-gallon pin

The Red Cross Blood Drive was held Friday, November 1, at the McPherson County fair building in Tryon.

There were 19 present, with three deferrals. Eighteen units of blood were collected, two power reds, and 14 whole blood units.

Wanda Waits provided lunch of mashed potatoes with turkey and noodles. She brought chocolate/cherry cake for dessert.

Mark your calendars for January 24, 2020 and roll up your sleeves and give blood!!!

Dan Connell is pictured at right receiving his 15 gallon pin at the November Red Cross Blood Drive in Tryon.



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## Graphic Files

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TEN YEARS AGO  
NOVEMBER 19, 2009

McPherson County High School paid tribute to veterans. The high school band played the "National Anthem" and "Salute to America." Molli Sailors served as master of ceremonies, while Michelle Lopez, Molly Hinkle, and Angie Thompson gave speeches about veterans. Leo and Judy Dailey of Tryon attended the North Platte High School orchestra concert on Monday evening, to watch their grandson Logan Dailey perform. Gary and June Farmer, Craig and Tish Dailey and Mary Farmer also attended.

A bullying prevention conference for 7th and 8th grade student leadership teams from area schools was sponsored by Educational Service Unit 16 on November 3. The conference program is designed to develop and understand bullying and the roles and responsibilities of bystanders in preventing bullying. Approximately 80 students from nine area schools participated in the event.

Earl and Ila Dailey of Arnold, Leo and Judy Dailey of Tryon and Ester Webster and Nina Johnson of North Platte had dinner together Sunday in North Platte. The Daileys spent the afternoon visiting with Ester in her home.

TWENTY YEARS AGO  
NOVEMBER 18, 1999

The McPherson County High School and American Legion Art Gray Post No. 189 combined efforts Thursday, November 11, to present a very nice Veterans Day program at the school. The high school band played the "National Anthem," "Liberty Bell March," and "Easy Winners March." The high school choir also sang "God Bless America," and "This Land Is Your Land." Veterans were recognized, salutes were given, and the colors were then retired.

The Tryon ambulance was called out to the McPherson County High School in Tryon during the Veterans Day program Thursday, November 11, for Mary Bierma of Tryon, who had become ill. She was taken to Great Plains Regional Medical Center in North Platte, and would return home later that night. The ambulance also made a run on Monday, November 15, with Orville Bellew of Tryon, who had become ill at his home. He was taken to Great Plains Regional Medical Center in North Platte.

The Tryon Volunteer Fire Department had been kept busy the last week answering calls for grass fires in this area. They were called to the Bill Thompson ranch west of Tryon on Thurs-

day, November 11, for a fire which started from a tractor. Then on November 14, a fire was spotted south of the Hartward Connell home. This fire was from a hunting vehicle, it started northwest of the Moore Ranch.

THIRTY YEARS AGO  
NOVEMBER 23, 1989

The McPherson County High School Improvement Club served lunch for three area schools, Arthur, Lewellen, and McPherson County, during the O.T.C. one-acts play contest at Tryon on November 21st. The play presented by McPherson County was "Goin' West" by Louis Phillips. James Krohn was the director, assisted by Shalee Paxton. The play won second place.

Phyllis Connell and daughters, Sandi, Mardel, and DanDee, were to sing some special numbers at the Tryon United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 28.

Butch and Layne Pyzer of North Platte, were pictured with a deer they had bagged in their successful hunt northeast of Tryon. They had spent several days at Tryon with their parents, Pete and Lela Pyzer.

The craft club met with Collen Pettit Monday afternoon with about 15 ladies present. Of special interest was the lesson how to decorate sweat-shirts. Bonnie Bullington and Judy Connell were the instructors.

Jess Cochran arrived home November 15th from Ohio to spend the Thanksgiving holidays with his family.

FORTY YEARS AGO  
NOVEMBER 22, 1979

Gordon Connell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Connell of Tryon, was one of the 16 students at the University of Nebraska School of Technical Agriculture to be awarded \$350.00 Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben scholarships. Gordie is enrolled in the Production Agriculture program at UNSTA at Curtis.

Glenn Winters helped Ray Trumbull with some range wells on Saturday. Grace and Jacque Trumbull called on Elaine Miller that day.

Dan and Fay Connell and granddaughter, Carolee, returned home November 13 after visiting relatives and friends in Colorado, Wyoming and California.

Tryon schools did not open on Tuesday or Wednesday, November 20-21, due to another heavy snowstorm. High winds started drifting the snow already received, making feeding difficult and roads almost impassable.

Funeral services for Robert J. Gibbs were held November 20th at Adams and Swanson Chapel in North Platte. Burial was in the Miller Cemetery

near Tryon.

Funeral services were held at Lincoln, Nebraska November 15th for Roger Gibson who died Friday at the VA Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa. Among his survivors are sisters-in-law, Mrs. Maxine Abrams of Stapleton and Mrs. Pat Tucker of North Platte.

FIFTY YEARS AGO  
NOVEMBER 20, 1969

Don Hatch, with the help from several from the Hall community, began tearing down the old "Bender or Black Store" building, an old landmark in Tryon.

After bowling in Stapleton Sunday night, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dobbins, Mr. and Mrs. John Dahlin, Mr. and Mrs. Les Bay, and Mr. and Mrs. Taft Haddy were guests in the Arlen Bay home. Arlen showed slides he had taken of Pamela Finnigan's wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Foster and children took Jake Popham to the hospital for medical treatment. His wife Elma reported Wednesday that he was feeling some better.

Pfc. Danny Nicholson arrived home Saturday morning to spend a 20-day furlough with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Don Nicholson, before reporting to his new station at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He just graduated from Radio and Communications School at San Diego, California.

SIXTY YEARS AGO  
NOVEMBER 19, 1959

Emma Melvin was hostess to the Sunshine Extension Club on October 28, 1959. Ruby Huffman was welcomed in the group as a new member. Eva Connell gave the lesson about vegetables in your meals. The next meeting was set for November 18th with Helen Pettit.

Quite a few from this community attended the turkey shoot at Stapleton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Patton have recently moved to Kennewick, Washington. Bill is stationed in the Pasco, Washington area.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Abdouch and family of Omaha, visited in the Taft Haddy and Tom Ellis home. They attended the Mann-Long wedding where Ivan G. was the ring bearer.

Rev. and Mrs. Milton O'Connor are expecting their son, Herb, home for the Thanksgiving weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert W. Porter of Columbia Missouri, are the proud parents of a new son, David Ray. Mrs. Porter is the former Maxine Stoddard.

Burrell French, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul French of Tryon, is the only McPherson County resi-

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## Over The Hills



J.R. Trumbull

of each is bound up with the welfare of all... Author Unknown (Proverbs 11:24-25)

Life is too short to wake up with regrets. Love the people who treat you right, forgive the people who don't, and know that everything happens for a reason. Take chances when you get them and remember that if they change your life, so be it.

Life isn't supposed to be easy, it is just supposed to be worth it!

One thing that we need to cherish and never forget or regret is our freedom. Freedom has many different meanings, but to me it is the right to be myself, support my President and my country, and, most of all, to be able to express my Christian faith and love of God.

### FREEDOM ISN'T FREE

Do you ever stop to think  
When you do just what you want  
That you are exercising freedom  
And freedom's not for flaunt!

It costs to have that freedom—  
No, freedom isn't free!  
It may mean some sacrifice  
Like taxes or service for you and me.

It may mean military service  
Whether here or over there,  
It may take some time and effort  
Supporting candidates who care.

You may have to speak out  
When you see things that aren't right  
Because true freedom takes some doing  
And it's everybody's fight!

Study the real U.S. Constitution,  
Not just what's interpreted by law  
And compare it to the Bible,  
Our forefathers knew what they saw.

Freedom's not a freebie,  
It has to be well earned,  
Maintaining it takes teamwork  
So teach others what you've learned.

Apathy defeats freedom,  
Don't bury your head in the sand.  
You still have rights as an American  
So take a "freedom" stand!

J.R. Trumbull  
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